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Congressional District, Development Fees, Budget

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New Congressional District

Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission's (AIRC) mission was to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population and include communities of interest. The initial draft map of Congressional districts put Fountain Hills in District 4 (the Colorado River District stretching from the Utah border to the northern part of Yuma) including Payson. On October 20, 2011 the Town Council passed Resolution 2011-45 urging the AIRC to reconsider its determination regarding placement of Fountain Hills in the "Finalized Draft 6" Congressional District Map. The Town Council and one Commission member attended meetings and presented the Resolution to the AIRC several times. These efforts contributed to the reconsideration by the AIRC which resulted in Fountain Hills being included in the new District 6 with Scottsdale, Rio Verde and Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation who are partners with the Town of Fountain Hills in many aspects, such as Tourism, Economic Development etc.

The tentative congressional and legislative district maps approved by

the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission have been posted to the agency's website at www.azredistricting.org.

New Development Fees

On December 15, 2011 the Town Council passed Ordinance 11-11 reducing the Town's impact fees beginning January 1, 2012. Developers in Fountain Hills will pay about 21 percent less in impact fees after the Town Council last week adopted a new rate structure as mandated by state law. Senate Bill 1525, signed by the governor earlier this year, added restrictions on how municipalities can assess developer fees and what kind of projects on which the money can be spent. Cities and towns were given until Jan. 1 to bring their fee structures into compliance with state law. The new structure reduces the amount assessed for parks, library and museum, open space and government infrastructure by about \$2,161 per residential unit.

Town Council FY13 Budget Retreat

The Town Council and staff are preparing for the FY12-13 annual budget retreat on Thursday, January 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at

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Budget Retreat, Town Manager Search

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the Fountain Hills Community Center. During the retreat the Council will develop goals and review proposed revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2012. The goals are developed with input from the Strategic Planning Advisory Commission, staff and the 2010 Strategic Plan and within available resources. These goals serve as the planning guide for the staff to develop the proposed budget for the year.



Town Manager Search

The Town Council and members of the management team have interviewed a total of five candidates for the position of Town Manager for the Town of Fountain Hills. The Council will meet in Executive Session on January 5, 2012 to review their evaluations of each candidate and discuss the possibility of holding a public forum in late January.

Citizens' Academy Offered

Interested in the local government of Fountain Hills and want to learn more? This course, in its second year, will provide everyday citizens with the knowledge about the Town of Fountain Hills and its operation. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings, January 25 to March 7, from 6-8 p.m., at the Fountain Hills Community Center. This informative course led by Town Staff will be offered to Fountain Hills' residents at no charge. On completion of this course, you will receive a Citizen's Certificate and the knowledge of government to help Fountain Hills and it's growth in the years to come.



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| January 25 | <i>The Mechanics of Local Government</i> | Julie Ghetti |
| February 1 | <i>Town Attorney & Town Clerk</i> | Andrew McGuire & Bev Bender |
| February 8 | <i>Town Finance & Economic Development</i> | Julie Ghetti & Lori Gary |
| February 15 | <i>Community Services</i> | Mark Mayer & Staff |
| February 22 | <i>Development Services</i> | Paul Mood & Staff |
| February 29 | <i>Public Safety & The Court</i> | Chief LaGreca, Capt. Rodriguez, & Judge Eisenberg |
| March 7 | <i>Fountain Hills USD/Mayor & Town Council</i> | Dr. Myhr, Mayor Schlum & Julie Ghetti |

Participants can register at Town Hall, Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; at the Community Center, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; or online at www.fh.az.gov.

For more info, contact Community Services at 816-5151 or visit the Town of Fountain Hills website at www.fh.az.gov.

Candidate Forum

Tuesday, February 7—6:30-9:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming forum, hosted by the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association (FHCCA), this forum will be taped and replayed on local Channel 11.

Forum Format:

- 1 hour for the Mayoral candidates
- 1 hour and 15 minutes for the council candidates
- 45 minutes for the recall candidates



Museum Happenings

L. Alan Cruikshank River of Time Museum

It is 2012! The year that marks the 100th anniversary of Arizona becoming a state!

Many activities will take place this year celebrating this epic anniversary. We will keep you updated on centennial events at the River of Time Museum as the year progresses including designing and sewing a centennial quilt, special exhibits featuring a 1912 coin set, ceremonial coins, early postal stamps, a celebration cook book published by the River of Time Museum, and many more. Of course, the completion of the Centennial Circle located between the Community Center and the Museum/Library building will be the focal point for celebrations taking place in February.

The first event will take place at the January dinner meeting of the Historical Society on Wednesday, January 18. This Arizona Centennial program will feature Historian Bob Mason together with Jerry Miles. Mr. Miles will talk about the road to Arizona Statehood and Mr. Mason will discuss the highlights of Arizona history since statehood. Arizona will celebrate its 100th year as a state on February 14, 2012.

The public is invited to attend this dinner meeting. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Sunday, January 15, by telephoning dinner chair Jean Linzer at 837-0762, sending an e-mail to jlinzer@aol.com or going to the museum website at www.riveroftimemuseum.org and clicking on "Dinner Reservations."

The cost of the dinner is \$18 for members and \$22 for guests. The dinner starts at 6:30 pm; cocktails are available at 6:00 pm at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive.

The menu for this evening will be salad, stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, dinner rolls, and cake with strawberries for dessert.

You are invited to attend as many centennial events as you can this year! Learn more about how we became a state and how we then developed into the modern community of today.



Art on the Avenue & Farmers' Market

Local artists display and sell their creations on the east end of the Avenue while on the west end you can get fresh produce and homemade goodies. The **Town of Fountain Hills** is a proud sponsor of these events.

Where: Avenue of the Fountains

Date: Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012*

Time: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

**No event on Nov 10 & Nov 24 (dates and times subject to change)*

Fountain Hills Community Center

Observed Holidays & Events

New Year's Day

January 1-2, 2012

MLK Day

January 16, 2012

Upcoming Arts Shows

January

Local Artists coordinated by the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association

Upcoming Public Events

Juried Art Show held by the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association

January 9

Arizona Antique Show

January 14-15, 2012

America – Economic Crossroads

January 26

Upcoming Special Events

Hashknife Pony Express

Avenue of the Fountains—February 9

Public Safety Day

Fountain Park—February 11

Sister Cities' Carnevale

Community Center—February 11

Arizona Centennial Celebration

Civic Center Complex—February 12

Great Fair

Avenue of the Fountains—February 24-26

Community Services

Recreation Programs



Educational/Wellness

Art Walks

Learn about one of the largest collections of art on public display with a docent-led art walk this fall. The volunteer docents will be providing information about each piece, the techniques used to create the piece, and a background on each artist that created the piece. The art walks are a cooperative effort between the Town of Fountain Hills, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Public Art Committee of the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association.

The Sculpture Garden Tour features pieces in the courtyard area and inside both the Community Center and the Library. The Fountain Park Tour features pieces at Town Hall, down the Avenue of the Fountains, and the collection at Fountain Park. Both tours meet at the Community Center and last about 1½ hours.

Cost of each tour is \$5 and a commemorative mug with gift coupons is provided to those who pre-register.

| Class | Tour | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|---------------|-----|--------|------------|-----|
| 5895 | Civic Center | Sat | Jan 14 | 9:00 a.m. | \$5 |
| 5896 | Fountain Park | Sat | Jan 14 | 11:00 a.m. | \$5 |

Age: All Ages

Location: Community Center/Fountain Park

Instructor: Volunteer Docents

Botanical Garden Tour

The Fountain Hills Sonoran Desert Botanical Garden, located at Fountain Hills Blvd. and Kingstree Blvd., is cherished for its botanical, geological and historical significance. New this year, the volunteer caretakers and trained docents will be leading tours of the garden. Registration is required and parking is limited. Private tours are also available.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|--------|-----------|------|
| 5923 | Sat | Jan 14 | 7:15 a.m. | FREE |
| 5924 | Sat | Jan 14 | 9:00 a.m. | FREE |

Age: All Ages

Location: Desert Botanical Garden

Instructor: Volunteer Docents

CPR/AED for the Community and Workplace

The purpose of this course is to train individuals to overcome any reluctance to act in emergency situations and to recognize and care for life-threatening respiratory or cardiac emergencies in children or adults. The classes cover adult, child, and infant CPR; the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and first aid for choking. The Fountain Hills Fire Department provides the certified CPR instructors.



| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|--------|-----------|------|
| 5910 | Sat | Jan 21 | 9:00 a.m. | \$30 |

Age: 14 years and up

Location: Community Center

Instructor: Capt. Boyer or Capt. Brunnin

Community Services

Recreation Programs



Citizens' Academy

Interested in the local government of Fountain Hills and want to learn more? This new course will provide everyday citizens with the knowledge about the Town of Fountain Hills and its operation. With staff speakers and tours of various town facilities, this informative course will be offered to the first 25 registrants. On completion of this course, you will receive a Citizen's Certificate and the knowledge of government to help Fountain Hills and its growth in the years to come.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|-------------|----------------|------|
| 5905 | Wed | Feb 1-Mar 7 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | FREE |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Community Center

Instructor: Town Staff and Guest Speakers

Hunter Education

This course is designed to teach safe handling of firearms and ammunition in the home and in the field, safe hunting habits, outdoor ethics, outdoor survival, wildlife management techniques, and more! This course is required by law for anyone 10-14 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. The course is open to all ages and family participation is encouraged. Arizona Game and Fish certified instructor, Jim Hawkins, will teach the course and lead students on Field Day.



A Field Day will be held on Saturday, February 18, from 7:45-11:30 a.m. at the Rio Salado Sportsman Club. The course is a total of 20 hours. You can obtain your Game and Fish ID through the Department of Game and Fish.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|----------|---------------|----------------|------|
| 5968 | Tues/Wed | Jan 24-Feb 15 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | \$10 |

Age: 18 years and up

**Town of Fountain Hills McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission
and the Sonoran Conservancy of Fountain Hills present...**

Spring Guided Hikes at the Fountain Hills McDowell Mountain Preserve

What's in that Hole?

Led by McDowell Mountain Regional Park Interpretive Ranger, Amy Ford

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Departs from the Golden Eagle Trailhead @ 8 a.m.

Bring \$2 for the MMRP Iron Ranger

This 3 mile, easy to moderate hike, will explore what critters live in the holes in the Preserve.

Early People

Led by Len Marcisz

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Departs from the Fountain Hills Branch Library parking lot @ 8 a.m.. Participants will car-pool to various sites.

This 3 mile, easy to moderate hike, lasting 3-4 hours, will explore stops to learn about the HoHoKam Tribe of Native Americans.



Community Services

Recreation Programs



Sports Activities

Adult Men's Softball

Men's Slow Pitch Recreational Softball is played at Golden Eagle Park on Tuesday nights. Softballs and umpires are provided. The season will end with a single elimination tournament. We are always looking for new teams or players! Individuals are encouraged to call (480) 816-5132 to find out how to get on a team. Come out for fun, fitness, and good competition!

Deadline for registration is Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 6 p.m. No late registrations!

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
| 5976 | Tues | Jan 17-Mar 13 | 6:30-10:30 p.m. | \$495 |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Golden Eagle Park

Instructor: None

Senior Softball

Registration for Senior Softball is in full swing. This recreational league plays on Wednesdays (ages 65+) mornings at Golden Eagle Park. The league provides fields and softballs. All team managers must have players sign a waiver of liability prior to the first game. Teams are responsible for any make up games. No games on February 1, due to Great Fair Senior Softball Tournament, and March 21, due to McDowell Mountain Elementary School Field Day.

Deadline for registration is Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 6 p.m. No late registrations!

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|------|----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 5977 | Tues | Jan 18-April 4 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | \$200 |

Age: 65 years and up

Location: Golden Eagle Park

Instructor: None

Great Fair Senior Softball Tournament

This year's tournament will be held February 2-5; 2012. This is an annual recreational tournament for both participants and spectators.

Deadline for registration is Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6 p.m. (Or when tournament fills to maximum capacity). Absolutely no late entries will be accepted! The Tournament Coordinator reserves the right to limit the number of teams per division or assign teams to different divisions if necessary.



| Class | Division | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|-------|
| 6023 | 70+ Division | Thurs/Fri | Feb 2-3 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | \$300 |
| 6024 | 65+ Division | Thurs/Fri | Feb 2-3 | 12:00-4:00 p.m. | \$300 |
| 6025 | 60+ Division | Sat/Sun | Feb 4-5 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | \$300 |
| 6026 | 50+ Division | Sat/Sun | Feb 4-5 | 12:00-4:00 p.m. | \$300 |

Age: 50 years and up

Location: Golden Eagle Park

Instructor: None

Community Services

Recreation Programs



Adult Tennis Lessons

The Town of Fountain Hills Community Services Department is proud to partner with Tennis Pro Ron Nielson. Ron comes to us from California where he previously was the Head Tennis Pro at two Private Tennis Clubs. He has over 30 years of experience teaching tennis in Southern California. He was a former #1 ranked player in Southern California, and has worked as a tennis coach with many nationally ranked senior and junior players, including the current #1 ranked Doubles team in the World, Mike & Bob Bryan. Ron will be teaching our pee wee, junior and adult classes, and he is also available for private and semi-private lessons.

Beginner Adult Tennis – Enjoy this healthy and physical activity while you learn basic fundamentals and techniques.

Intermediate-Advanced Adult Tennis – This class is for those seeking to advance their tennis skills.



| Class | Level | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----------|-----|---------------|------------------|-------|
| 5985 | Beginners | Mon | Jan 23-Mar 12 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | \$110 |
| 5986 | Beginners | Mon | Jan 23-Mar 12 | 5:45-6:45 p.m. | \$110 |
| 5990 | Int-Adv | Mon | Jan 23-Mar 12 | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | \$110 |
| 5991 | Int-Adv | Mon | Jan 23-Mar 12 | 6:45-7:45 p.m. | \$110 |
| 6009 | Int-Adv | Wed | Jan 25-Mar 14 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | \$110 |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Golden Eagle Park

Instructor: Ron Nielson

Junior Tennis Lessons

| Class | Level | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----------------|-----|---------------|------------------|------|
| 6011 | 7-9 years old | Wed | Jan 25-Mar 14 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | \$90 |
| 6013 | 7-9 years old | Sat | Jan 21-Mar 10 | 9:45-10:45 p.m. | \$90 |
| 6017 | 10-12 years old | Sat | Jan 21-Mar 10 | 10:45-11:45 a.m. | \$90 |
| 6021 | 13+ years old | Sat | Jan 21-Mar 10 | 11:45 a.m.-12:45 | \$90 |

Age: 7-17 years

Location: Golden Eagle Park

Instructor: Ron Nielson

Adult Golf Clinics

Community Services is proud to announce a new partnership with SunRidge Canyon and Jeff Newell, Director of Instruction, to provide Adult Golf Lessons. Class one of each program will cover Posture, Grip and Alignment. Class two will cover Short Game basics. Class three will cover the Full Swing and course etiquette. There is a maximum of eight students in each three-class session to guarantee a low student-to-teacher ratio.



| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|--------------|----------------|-------|
| 5978 | Wed | Jan 25-Feb 8 | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | \$110 |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Sunridge Canyon Golf Club

Instructor: Jeff Newell

Community Services

Recreation Programs



Jr. Golf Lessons

Community Services is continuing our partnership with Sunridge Canyon to provide Jr. Golf Clinics throughout the fall. Learn how to drive, pitch, and putt as well as everything you need to know about the game of golf from the pros. There is a maximum of eight students in each four-class session to guarantee a low student-to-teacher ratio.



| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|---------|--------------|----------------|------|
| 5981 | Mon/Wed | Jan 23-Feb 1 | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | \$55 |

Age: 6-17 years

Location: Sunridge Canyon Golf Club

Instructor: Jeff Newell



Skateboarding Lessons

Skateboarding is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. It appeals to youth and teens, and provides recreation, entertainment, and exercise. The Town of Fountain Hills Community Services Department is happy to partner with Kids That Rip to provide proper instruction of skateboarding in a safe, fun and positive environment. This clinic is designed for kids interested in learning the fundamentals of skateboarding. Pushing, turning, and Ollie-ing will be introduced. More advanced tricks like kick-flips and grinds may also be taught as well as being able to skate the different areas of the skate park course. Kids will have the opportunity to ask the instructor to help them with any other tricks they are interested in learning.

Equipment needed: Skateboard, helmet, and the use of elbow and knee pads are strongly recommended.

| Class | Level | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----|----------|------------------|------|
| 5999 | Mini-Rippers 3-7 years old | Sat | Feb 4-18 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | \$60 |
| 6000 | Rippers | Sat | Feb 4-18 | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | \$60 |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Desert Vista Park

Instructor: Kids That Rip Skateboard School

Online Registration

Register for programs online at www.fh.az.gov/recreation. There is no additional charge to register online.

Community Services

Recreation Programs



Arts and Crafts

Mixed Media & Textures

The mixed media class would be creating an art piece with the use of conventional art material such as modeling clay, gessoes and paints...combined with the use of found objects and materials from around the home such as old egg cartons, newspapers & magazines, ribbons & strings etc. Also explore the use of natural found objects such as leaves, stones, sand, and more. As you can imagine, all of the elements used to create the artwork will be full of different textures and compositions. The options are limitless and will make for a really fun class that will allow students to explore and let go of one's usual way of thinking.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|---------------|-----------------|-------|
| 5918 | Wed | Jan 25-Feb 29 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | \$110 |
| 5955 | Wed | Jan 25-Feb 29 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | \$110 |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Community Center

Instructor: Michael Roberts

Watercolor Plén Aire

Let's get out and paint! Transparent watercolor for the intermediate student will include practicing fundamental techniques as you explore new painting ideas in the great outdoors. Class will review some basic techniques, color and composition using the beautiful landscapes of our town. First class will meet at the Community Center lobby for instruction and location. Pre-requisite: Previous painting experience is recommended.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|--------------|-----------------|------|
| 5969 | Fri | Jan 27-Mar 2 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | \$95 |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Community Center

Instructor: Joan Campbell

Watercolor for Beginners

Students will enjoy this free flowing transparent water based medium. Beginning techniques include wet-on-wet, value development, textural applications, and color exploration. Students will begin using black and white values, while continuing toward the full range of color with still life and photographic reference work. Experienced students will concentrate on developing their own 'personal series' in watercolors with other media.



| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|------|---------------|----------------|------|
| 5970 | Tues | Jan 24-Feb 28 | 7:00-9:00 p.m. | \$95 |

Age: 18 years and up

Location: Community Center

Instructor: Joan Campbell

Community Services

Recreation Programs



Toddler Activities

Pee Wee Tennis

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|---------------|----------------|------|
| 5995 | Sat | Jan 21-Mar 10 | 9:00-9:45 a.m. | \$90 |
| 6005 | Mon | Jan 23-Mar 12 | 5:00-5:45 p.m. | \$90 |

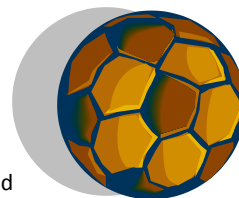
Age: 4-6 years

Location: Golden Eagle Park

Instructor: Ron Nielson

Multi-Sport: Soccer/Baseball/Football

Introduce your kids to Soccer, Baseball and Football in the Multi-Sport Sampler class. Kids will learn kicks, throw-ins, headers, big goals, fielding, throwing, hitting, base recognition, passing, catching, punting/kicking and overall motor skill development. Each sport will be 2 classes and parental assistance is required for all classes. All other equipment is supplied. What to bring: #3 soccer ball and football, glove (not required) and water with your child's name on it.



| Class | Level/Age | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----------|-----|---------------|------------------|------|
| 6027 | 3 years | Sat | Jan 14-Feb 18 | 9:00-9:45 a.m. | \$85 |
| 6028 | 4-5 years | Sat | Jan 14-Feb 18 | 10:00-10:45 a.m. | \$85 |
| 6029 | 6-7 years | Sat | Jan 14-Feb 18 | 11:00-11:45 a.m. | \$85 |

Teen Activities

Middle School Madness

The Town of Fountain Hills Community Services Department, the Coalition Against Youth Substance Abuse, and the MCSO Midnight Madness Fund are partnering to offer action packed events, trips, and activities for teens! The activities include ultimate game nights, dodge ball, a trip to Skate Land, cosmic bowling, and more! PLUS, every event has fun contests and door prizes. Trips require preregistration and have limited seating. Sign-up for trips at the Fountain Hills Middle School or online at www.fh.az.gov/recreation. These drop-in events do not require registration.

Friday, January 20, 6-9 p.m. — Dodge Ball at Fountain Hills Middle School

Community Services

Senior & Boomer Programs



Seniors and Boomers Programs

Activities EXPO for Seniors & Boomers

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center

The EXPO will showcase current programs, support groups, classes, and trips at its annual Activities EXPO. Attendees will have an opportunity to interact and mingle directly with the various activity group coordinators, ask questions, and learn about the variety of programs. The EXPO will highlight special events coming up. In addition, there will be entertainment, door prizes, and tables laden with goodies, and refreshing beverages. This is an opportunity to renew your membership or join for the first time. Membership is on a calendar year basis and is only \$17. Membership is open to all adults 18 years of age and older. The EXPO is open to the public and FREE to attend.

Special Presentations

Dining for Wellness-Thyroid Health

This class is presented by Sous Chef and Executive Chef Matt Hastings with Fountain View Village. Food is prepared by Chef Matt and sampled/enjoyed by attendees.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|-------|-----------------------|--|
| 5927 | Mon | Jan 9 | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Membership Required Pre-registration required |

Heard Museum-The Navajo

This presentation will focus on the Navajo. They live on the largest reservation. Learn their history, traditions, housing, clothing, food, arts, and crafts.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|-----|--------|----------|--|
| 5930 | Wed | Jan 11 | 2-3 p.m. | Free with Membership \$3 non-members Pre-registration required |

Health Talks with Spooner & Shaft

Ken Greenstreet, PT, will educate attendees as to the advantages of new shoulder, hip, and knee joint replacements.

| Class | Day | Date | Time | Fee |
|-------------|------|--------|----------------|--|
| 5933 | Tues | Jan 31 | 9:15-9:45 a.m. | Free with Membership \$3 non-members Pre-registration required |

Trips

Staff is working with several travel companies: Fountain View Village, TJ's Travel Club, Christ's Church, Free Spirit Vacations, and Arizona Trails Travel to provide a variety of travel options to our members. Stop by the Seniors and Boomers Office at the Community Center for more information or to pick-up flyers from our kiosks, as new trip destinations are posted frequently.

Cows & Cotton – January 14, 2012

Musical Instrument Museum – January 17, 2012



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Volunteer of the Year 2011

Ron Hoffman

Each year the Town of Fountain Hills recognizes outstanding volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Reception held in the Community Center. The emphasis of this event is to celebrate and honor all of the volunteers who serve the Town as well as spotlight those who are outstanding volunteers. Awards are based on the following criteria: dedication, effort, commitment, compassion, humor, and customer service. We use this criteria from the National Volunteer Board when selecting the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. The 2011 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Ron Hoffman, with over one thousand hours of volunteer service his first year! He has saved the Town thousands of dollars in addition to the hours served.



When Ron Hoffman took early retirement after 14 years with Caremark in Scottsdale, he thought his Information Technology workdays were over. However, a few years later he is volunteering 12 -15 hours weekly with the Town on a variety of "IT" projects! Ron decided that he needed to "keep his gears going" and missed the challenge of working with spread sheets and figuring out how they can be utilized as well as working with people. So, he decided to volunteer with the Town in the IT Division. His first project was to update every workstation in Town Hall and the Community Center- all 73 of them! Upon completion of that project he moved onto another challenge- researching and verifying the addresses for all commercial properties in the town and eventually updating it in the software program used by the Town.

His attention to detail involves working closely with the Fire Department, CAD staff, Economic and Finance Divisions and will benefit all staff upon completion. The Fire Department is now able to access updated addresses on their laptops in their trucks. Ron has also made worksheets for all 19 of the town business districts...all of this work can be tedious and time consuming and he enjoys it thoroughly! Ron is grateful to the Fire Department and CAD staff that has helped him along the way toward the goal of getting all data available in one place! Ron has added one more job and that is joining the staff at the Community Center working as an operations member. He continues to volunteer with his other projects at Town Hall and is valuable to the team!

Ron and his wife, Carol, have lived in Fountain Hills 18 years and have two adult children and three grandchildren. They enjoy spending time at their grandsons' soccer, football, and t-ball games and having their first granddaughter is also a joy! In addition, Ron has found time to restore his 1963 Classic Riviera, "a real muscle car with a 450 hp engine," he states. You may also find Ron attending one of the weekly automobile meets available in town.

Thank you for your valuable contributions to the Town, Ron, and many congratulations!!

Please look for the Volunteer of the Month for January and February in the next issue of **AveNEWS**.